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REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 and 10 have been amended. Claims 16-36 have been cancelled as drawn to nonelected subject matter. Support for the amendments is found in the specification and claims as filed.

Restriction Requirement

Restriction Requirements were imposed in this application. In connection therewith, Applicants elected the invention of Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device, without traverse and without prejudice. Applicants hereby cancel without prejudice Claims 16-36 as drawn to non-elected inventions.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and lack of enablement. The Examiner indicated that instant specification was enabling for the particular species shown on page 18. The claims have now been amended to recite these species. The amendments are made without prejudice to pursuing the broader subject matter at a later date. In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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